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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 14, as follows:

1. (Amended) Method for manufacturing a glass preform by depositing an aerosol stream of glass particles onto a target, which comprises:

- providing a reaction chamber comprising an inlet and an outlet, wherein an inside of the reaction chamber has a temperature gradient such that a temperature increases from the inlet to the outlet;

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